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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: SS-9 Intelligence Estimate

1. In meeting with Carl Marcy, Staff Director, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, he passed on as a matter of information, the substance of an exchange between Chairman Fulbright and Under Secretary of State Elliot Richardson during the Spanish base hearings yesterday.

2. Carl advised that when Secretary Laird was before the Committee, he had testified concerning first-strike capability and new intelligence information concerning the SS-9. During yesterday's hearing, Chairman Fulbright questioned Mr. Richardson concerning the availability to the Committee of the "new intelligence estimate on the SS-9" that has been developed since the Committee was briefed originally on the subject (presumably by CIA). Mr. Richardson deferred on the ground that this is a matter relating to the Central Intelligence Agency but was pressed by the Chairman on the point that as the Government's principal foreign policy advisor and a contributor to such an estimate, he should have the estimate available to him. No resolution was reached between the Chairman and Richardson and Carl noted again that the ball is in the Department's court.

3. In closing, Carl apologized that the transcript of the Spanish base hearings had not yet been returned to the Committee and that he would be absent himself for the day tomorrow. Don Henderson will be on board, however, and will have the transcript available should we desire to review it.

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